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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD MO
SUBJECT: FTC INVESTIGATION OF BRIBERY CASE

REF: (A) STATE 072416, (B) 76 CASABLANCA 563, (C) 76 STATE 171700

1. EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM THAT BEN MESSAOUD AND OTHERS WERE TRIED AND CONVICTED IN BRIBERY CASE IN 1972 INVOLVING SUBSIDIARY OF US FIRM OPERATING IN MOROCCO. WALL STREET JOURNAL COMMENTED ON CASE IN FEBRUARY 12 AND MARCH 15, 1976 ARTICLES IN CONTEXT OF SEC HEARINGS.

2. IN CASE MATTER REVIVED LOCALLY, EMBASSY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN COPIES OF INDICTMENTS AND CONVICTION RECORDS AT THAT TIME. WE WERE TOLD THAT GOM CONSIDERED MATTER CLOSED WITH CONVICTION OF GUILTY PARTIES AND THAT, CONTRARY TO NORMAL PRACTICE, RECORDS NOT RPT NOT PUBLIC AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED TO EMBASSY.

3. BRINGING MATTERS UP TO DATE, WE HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INFORMED THAT ALL CONVICTED PARTIES HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON UNDER VARIOUS AMNESTIES OF RECENT MONTHS. MANAGEMENT OF US SUBSIDIARY WAS CHANGED FOLLOWING EVENT AND THEREFORE NO ONE NOW IN LOCAL COMPANY INVOLVED. SINCE PARENT COMPANY HAS ADMITTED PAYMENT IN REPORT TO SEC, WE ARE LEFT WONDERING ABOUT FTC NEED FOR FURTHER PROOF. NECESSARY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CAN PRESUMABLY BE
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OBTAINED FROM US PARENT.

4. WITH NATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WERE WE TO MAKE SECOND APPROACH, GOM WOULD ONCE MORE INFORM US RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE.

5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, EMBASSY DOES NOT INTEND

DEMARCHE TO REQUEST SUBJECT DOCUMENTS.

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